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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON STORAGE AND PRESER-  
VATION OF FIGS

1. ALPASLAN BASIKCIOGLU, THE SOLE OWNER AND PRESIDENT OF THE  
LARGEST PRIVATE DRIED FRUIT (RAISINS AND FIGS) PACKER AND EXPORTER  
IN TURKEY, HAS REQUESTED CON GEN'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFOR-  
MATION ON STORAGE AND PRESERVATION OF FIGS. THE COMPANY PRESENTLY  
PROCESSES AND PACKS FIGS ONLY IN THE SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER POST-  
HARVEST SEASON. THE COMPANY PRESIDENT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IF  
HIS FIGS' SEPTEMBER HARVEST-TIME APPEARANCE AND CONSISTENCY COULD  
BE PRESERVED SO THAT PACKING COULD BE DONE THROUGH MOST OF THE YEAR,

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HE WOULD BE ABLE TO INCREASE HIS SALES BY AT LEAST 50 PERCENT.  
2. BESIKCIOGLU HAS EXPERIMENTED WITH REFRIGERATION AND USE OF  
SORBATES, BUT THE RESULT HAS NOT MATCHED THE QUALITY OF US FIGS PRE-  
SERVED THE SAME WAY. HE, THEREFORE, WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OBTAIN-  
ING US TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW CONNECTED WITH FIG PRESERVATION, EITHER  
BY PURCHASING THE TECHNOLOGY OR HIRING A TECHNICAL EXPERT.  
3. COMPANIES OR PERSONS INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT ALPASLAF  
BESIKCIOGLU DIRECTLY: CABLE BESIKCI--IZMIR; TELEX 52373 (ALFA TR);  
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 314, IZMIR, TURKEY.  
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